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ADVISES SPORTSMEN TO  
HELP SAVE WATERFOWL

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Must Preserve Birds to Benefit by  
Restoration Programs, Says  
Biological Survey Chief

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All programs of waterfowl restoration are long-time affairs, Paul G. Redington, Chief of the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture emphasized in addressing the Chicago Convention of the Izaak Walton League of America, Friday morning, April 22, and pointed to the immediate necessity of self-restraint on the part of sportsmen. "If we fail," he said, "to conserve and maintain an adequate stock of birds during the period while progressive measures of restoration are being perfected, we shall find ourselves with all necessary equipment for the benefit of the birds, but with no birds."

He pointed to the need for a national program of wild-fowl conservation. Success will not come, he said, without labor, expense, patience, and sacrifice. "Perhaps more essential than any other requirements are unanimity of effort and emphasis on the importance of harmony among the various groups interested."

In concluding his address, Mr. Redington reasserted the importance of carrying forward the 3-point program of research, refuge establishment, and enforcement of restrictions on hunting and made a plea for conservation on

aesthetic grounds.

The Biological Survey's concern for the conservation of wild life was emphasized by the Chief in the early part of his address on "Developments in Federal Game Conservation." About 72 per cent of the bureau's appropriations, he showed, were for conservation and related lines of work and only 28 per cent for the control of injurious species.

Mr. Redington pointed out that the conservation interests of the Biological Survey include not only game, but all forms of wild life. In addition to safeguarding the fur bearers in its control operations, he said, the bureau aids the States in enforcing their fur laws by making it difficult to ship in interstate commerce bodies of fur animals or their pelts when taken illegally. He also made reference of the cooperation of the Isaac Walton League to protect the Jackson Hole elk herd and stressed the need for developing interest in the antelope herds and building up their numbers.

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